Quiltmaker at 97: Mrs. R. A. Hamilton, "Sister Bessie", has made quilts for children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors and many others in the little-honored pattern she's learned to handle good little and fast during her 97 years in Appomattox County. She lives now in a nursing home, quite close to the "home place" and near to sons and daughters and friends.

## Quiltmaker Soon Will Be 97

It's a rare person who can take this compliment that's the best person I know." Yet this is exactly what a grandson of Mrs. R. A. Hamilton wrote several years ago in a school essay. Another grandson echoed the same sentiments in a similar school assignment.

Subject of those essays is Bessie Patteson Hamilton, (Sister Bessie) who will be 97 years old on May 20, 1972.

A native of Appomattox, she went to school near the "home place" in Clover Hill district, a one-room school typical of the times, where she learned to read a love she retains still. She was a classmate of White Oak's subject of another interview in this issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

Now Mrs. Hamilton is surrounded by children, grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Her interest of much people, text, money to a life she has spent working for and being interested in other people.

She has five sons living, four daughters, 15 grandchildren and one great - grandchild. Home now is a neat mobile home near the farmhouse on Route 692 where she and Mr. Hamilton reared their large family and made a living from farming.

Mrs. Hamilton still makes quilts – the old fashioned colorful kind with blocks of neat squares of checks, plaids, stripes and solids in a kaleidoscope of color.

Mrs. Hamilton has enjoyed rather good health for all her 96 years and more. She made her first trip to a hospital about ten years ago, having suffered a gall bladder attack.

While in the hospital she fell and broke a hip, so the operation was postponed. The hip set, and Mrs. Hamilton never did require surgery.

People who know her best could well agree with the compliment-essay written about her. One section reads, "This person is the one who makes sure that everything is fine with everybody else, before she considers herself." The young grandson writing it added, "This person never does anything 'important' enough to make headlines . . . but She brightens every day."

Her sons include Rob, Richard, Lloyd, Jake Will and Hurt Hamilton. Daughters: Miss Kathleen Hamilton, Mrs. Nellie Beasley, Mrs. Lorraine Torrence, all of Appomattox and Mrs. Beth Grow, Great Hill, Maryland.

It may be a bit early to wish Mrs. Hamilton a "happy birthday", but it would seem that this would be a good time to wish her continued health and happiness. The quiltmaker of Appomattox knows much more than quiltmaking. She knows how to be happy through giving of herself to others.

## ROCKS

Jan. 31 - The weather has been very unusual this winter, so far a few very warm days and temperature almost the same. Better watch out if the groundhog sees his shadow it February 2nd. We can expect more any kind of weather.

A large crowd was out at Mona Night for the community program.

Jake Atkins had the mumps last week.

Lewis Dickerson is on the sick list. Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and Christine took him to doctor in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mrs. Lucy Hamilton is confined to her home with Mrs. Earl Lindgren on Feb. 10th at "Old Home Place of Sales."

Raymond Kress returned home from Va. Baptist Hospital Friday. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Barry Elder of Bluefield College spent the week end here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Elder. Also Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee Elder of Richmond in the same home.

Phillip Page of Lynchburg was over night guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Toby Page Saturday night.

The Quarter went to a church near Cluverius to sing Sat. night.

The farmers are busy working on their tobacco patches and doing some plowing.

The youth group went to Everyrest Sunday morning to have a part in the singing at the Methodist Church.

Lewis Moore of Roanoke is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore. A speedy recovery is wished his wife who is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin were dinner guests of Trooper and Mrs. W. R. Rhodes of Livingston Sunday.

## ROMAN HOOSIERS

The fourth meeting of the Roman Hoosiers Club was held on January 24, 1972. The president called the meeting to order and the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved. The nominating committee selected a motto: Facta, non verba. The program presented us with a spelling bee of Latin words and a Latin bowl game. The meeting was then adjourned.

Ricky Wingfield, Reporter

(Above, Charlie McCormick drives his last nail for the Lynchburg Foundary. In foundry workers' terms, he's "spooning a piece of mainlegs" to be stapped on a flat bed trailer to a customer.

Tools enough for almost any project (above) were the gift for C. R. McCormick, of Spout Spring, who retired last week after 30 years with the Lynchburg Foundry. Knife was gift of Foundry tools, from fellow employees.

C. R. McCormick, Spout Spring

## 30-Year Foundry Worker Retires

Charlie R. McCormick, of Spout Spring, concluded thirty years of work with the Lynchburg Foundry and Machine Co. recently. He was given an engraved gold knife from the foundry and a tool box equipped with tools, as presents.

Those two tools will be given a good workout at his new projects – to raise some cattle, go some farming and to fish and hunt.

Neighbors and friends know of Mr. and Mrs. McCormick's interest in quail raising, an enterprise of many years' standing.

As of now, however, the quail project is a thing of the past as the McCormicks plan to enjoy retirement with less of interests and added time to enjoy some life - long favorite pastimes.

The McCormicks have one daughter, Joyce, wife of J. Franklin Vaughan, co-publisher of the Times-Virginian. They have one grandson, Joe F. Vaughan, Jr., junior at Appomattox County High School.

INITIATED

Miss Sandra Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Caldwell, Rt. 4, was initiated into Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority at Mansion Club January 7, 1972. Miss Caldwell is a junior majoring in social work at Madison College in Harrisonburg, Va.

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| U. S. Government Bonds | 30,228,224 |
| Municipal Bonds | 51,495,363 |
| Federal Reserve Bank Stock and Other Securities | 5,157,832 |
| Loans and Discounts | 165,082,128 |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | 1,537,200 |
| Bank Buildings and Equipment | 3,808,463 |
| Other Resources | 433,173 |
| Total Resources | $281,726,225 |

LIABILITIES

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| Deposits: | |
| Checking | $ 73,589,157 |
| Savings and Other Time | 170,733,257 |
| Total | $247,322,414 |
| Capital Funds: | |
| Capital Stock | 4,362,640 |
| Surplus | 5,493,000 |
| Undivided Profits | 7,793,232 |
| Total | $17,648,872 |
| Federal Funds Purchased | $ 3,300,000 |
| Reserve for Possible Loan Loss | 2,903,402 |
| Reserve for Taxes, Interest, etc. | 3,125,511 |
| Unearned Income | 5,441,886 |
| Other Liabilities | 1,984,140 |
| Total Liabilities and Capital | $281,726,225 |

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## CVCC ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

Central Virginia Community College announces the Fall Quarter 1971 Dean's list and Honor Roll. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be full-time (12 or more hours) for the quarter and have a grade point average of 3.2 (on a 4 point system) or better. To be eligible for the Honor Roll, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better for thirty quarter hours or more.

Included on the Dean's List from Appomattox are Annette Beaty Williams, Rt. 4; Mary Frances Harvey, Edgewood St.; Donald D. Kanipe, Rt. 3; Kathryn J. Sharp, Rt. 1; Barbara A. Shelton, Samuel L. Page, Rt. 4. Also, Warren B. Neighbors, Rt. 4, Concord, Va.

On the Honor Roll from Appomattox: Carl R. Deavers, Rt. 4.

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## ...ed In Double-Ring Ceremony

...e marriage of Miss Joanne ...a Chuchek to Daniel Joseph ...ook place on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Liberty Baptist Church of Appomattox. Thomas D. Lea, Pastor of the church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of ... and Mrs. Frank Charles ...chek of Appomattox. Mr. ...is the son of Mr. and Mrs. ...ard Fremont Blue of Colfax, Ohio.

For her marriage by her father the bride wore a wedding ...of candlelight silk organza ...ioned in a bouffant silhouette ...ingham lace, with blue ribbon ...alled through, enhanced the ...rian neckline, bodice and ...of the bishop sleeves. The ...skirt flowing into a chapel ...was highlighted with a ...band of lace and velvet ribbon ...Her fitted veil of illusion ...attached to a small lace ...

She carried a white Bible, ...as a gift from her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Norman Newsom of Atlanta, Ga. The Bible was centered with a bridal orchid showered with blue and ivory starburst pom poms with blue and ivory ribbon.

The twin sister of the bride, Mrs. Lester Dupuy Sears of Virginia Beach, Virginia was Matron of Honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Ellen Woodhead of Portsmouth, Virginia, Mrs. Earl Henry Carter of Farmville, Va., and Miss Edith Allen Raine of Charlottesville, Va. All of the bridal attendants wore gowns of pastel blue fashioned after the bridal gown, emphasizing the Victorian neckline and bishop sleeves. They carried Colonial bouquets of blue starburst pom poms showered with blue and ivory streamers.

Paul Charles Bray of Vienna, Va., acted as Best Man.

Ushers were Franklin Case Weightman, brother of the bride, of Blacksburg, Va., Robert Allen Guzzo of Albany, New York, and John Thomas Byrum of Portsmouth, Va.

The wedding music was furnished by Miss Nancye Matthews, organist.

Following the ceremony the bride's parents entertained with a reception in the social hall of the church.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox High School and of Longwood College where she received her BS Degree in Elementary Education. She is currently employed by the Portsmouth Public School system.

Mr. Blue is a graduate of Franklin Heights High School of Columbus, Ohio. He is presently serving a tour of duty with the United States Navy and is stationed in Norfolk, Virginia.

After a southern wedding trip the couple will reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

## Social Notes

Mrs. Bobby Bryant and son, David and Mrs. Mollie Rogers visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith last Tues.

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Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Smith and son, Joel; Mr. and Mrs. Curits B. Moore and son, Barry all of Lynchburg. Also Mrs. Mollie Rogers, of Appomattox.

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Mrs. L. T. Lucado and Mrs. Baxter Lucado visited in the home of Mrs. Roland Smith Monday.

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Mrs. T. G. Hayes and sons of Clarksville visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hudson on Saturday.

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Mrs. Holly Cawthorne is spending some time with Mrs. Rachel Cawthorne in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harris of Chesapeake.

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Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson, Mrs. Louise Plunkett, Mrs. Nettie D. Martin and Mrs. Mercedes Drinkard spent last Thursday in Richmond.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Lawson, Gordon and Debby left this weekfor Disneyland, Florida. While in that area they plan to visit Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stanley who are in St. Petersburg for an extended stay.

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### WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Appomattox Woman's Club will meet Monday, February 7 at 8 p.m. with Mrs. Martin Webb. The Fine Arts department is in charge of the program.

MISS LINDA JO WATKINS

### Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lee Watkins, Jr., of Rustburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Jo, to Herbert Lawrence Shirey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace White Shirey of Spout Spring.

Miss Watkins is a graduate of Rustburg High School and Central Virginia Community College.

Mr. Shirey is a graduate of Appomattox High School and Nashville Auto Diesel College in Nashville, Tennessee.

The wedding is planned for June 24.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Floyd Mayberry and children honored Mr. Floyd Mayberry with a birthday dinner Sun., Jan. 31. Thirty (30) people were present as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Hommer Sherlin and their sons, Tommy, Ronny and Donny, Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Mayberry and their children, Roger, Shelia and Peggy Marie, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mayberry and their sons, Tereno, Darrell, and Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McGatha and their children, Teresa, Carlton and Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lee Mayberry and their son, Ricky, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Caldwell and their son, Madison, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary C. Grubbs.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and Mr. Mayberry received many gifts.

### Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Elliott Carwile, Junior of Pamplin announce the engagement of her daughter Donna Kay Higginbotham to Willie Chappell Pettus, Junior of Lynchburg, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pettus of Keysville. The bride-to-be is also the daughter of James Douglas Higginbotham.

Miss Higginbotham is the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Paschal Welch of Pamplin.

Mr. Pettus is a graduate of Lynchburg College and is now employed by the Campbell County School System as a teacher at Brookville High School.

Miss Higginbotham is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and is now employed by Timberlake Christian School in Lynchburg.

A June wedding is being planned.

## Social Notes

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wootten Tues. were Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Conkle Todd and Tracie. Mrs. Laura Wright, Mrs. Mary Yancey all of Richmond, Mr. William McFadden of Prospect, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McFadden of Salem and Mrs. Carroll A. Pannell of Burkeville.

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Visiting in the home of Mrs. Janie Roberts were Mrs. Patsy Jones and Mary Emma and David Jones and Miss Pam Campbell; also Moser Goin was visiting Mrs. Mamie Banton in Roanoke.

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Thomas Terry, student at William & Mary, spent semester break with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Terry. Also visitors in this home were James Sheard of Norfolk and Larry Vaught, Jr. of Hampton, both students at William & Mary.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Brockwell of Amelia spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis and family.

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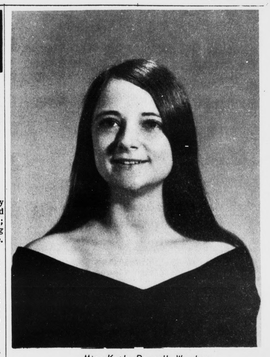
### Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard Bryan of Concord announce the birth of a daughter, Heather Lori, born Saturday, January 22 in Lynchburg General Hospital.

The Bryans are the parents of another daughter, Kathryn Ann two years old.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Jr. of Concord and Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Bryan, of Winston-Salem, N. C.



Miss Kathy Darnelle Woodson

### Announce Engagement

Mrs. Olivia R. Woodson announces the engagement of her step-granddaughter, Kathy Darnelle to Herman Edward Ragland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ragland of Appomattox.

Miss Woodson is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed at Appomattox Garment Company. Mr. Ragland is employed by his brother in Appomattox.

The wedding is planned for February 18, 1972.

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